

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2004 - HB 1883

March 24, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Department of Health to undertake an analysis to assist the legislature in determining the future direction of licensing and oversight of methadone maintenance programs. The analysis should include capacity and access of existing programs, a collection of national data regarding trends in heroin and opiate addictions and treatments, and alternative medications such as Buprenorphine for opiate addiction treatment. All information obtained and compiled is to be shared with the Governor, the House Health and Human Resources Committee, and the Senate General Welfare, Health, and Human Resources Committee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,300/One-Time
\$66,100/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The fiscal impact assumes that the action urged by this bill will be implemented and reflects the cost of implementation.
- The Department of Health will need a statistical analyst position to perform the analysis, compile the requested information and report to the Governor and the General Assembly.
- The position is estimated to increase one-time expenditures by \$4,300 which includes a computer (\$1,600) and office landscaping (\$2,700) and recurring expenditures of \$66,091 which includes salary (\$38,874), benefits (\$13,217), administrative cost allocation (\$7,900), communications and networking (\$1,400), office lease (\$4,100), and supplies (\$600).
- Executive Order 44, effective July 1, 2007, transferred the licensure and regulation of all alcohol and drug treatment facilities, including non-residential methadone treatment facilities from the Department of Health to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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